

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Twelfth Essex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Twelfth Essex Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 1% (767) of these admissions reside in the Twelfth Essex Representative District. 6% (44) of admissions from the Twelfth Essex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Twelfth Essex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 66% were male and 34% were female.
- 64% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 87% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 5% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 62% were never married, 20% were married, and 18% reported not to be married now.
- 29% had less than high school education, 51% completed high school, and 19% had more than high school education.
- 37% were employed.
- 7% were homeless.
- 37% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Twelfth Essex Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	40%	27%	11%	6%	1%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2							
Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Twelfth Essex Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	553	441	173	186	143	129	72
FY '96	500	382	153	127	124	152	114
FY '97	448	359	149	113	65	115	80
FY '98	477	379	130	115	51	125	67
FY '99	441	351	147	134	59	103	81
FY '00	492	359	139	106	44	134	94
FY '01	596	440	175	147	40	160	86
FY '02	767	556	248	208	65	242	136